Construction of Bridge over Krishna River near Tinthani.

Q.—1140. Smt. BASAVARAJESHWARI (Manvi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge on the river Krishna near Tinthani Village in Shorapur Taluk to connect Raichur and Gulbarga Districts by road ;

(*b*) if so, the stage at which it stands now and the time required to take up this work ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) and (*b*) Alternative sites for constructing the bridge over the river Krishna are being investigated and work will be taken up as soon as possible after the site is selected and plans and estimates are approved.

Granting of House Sites to Harijans in Kollegal Taluk.

Q.—1407. Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA (Palaiyam).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Harijans of P. G. Palaiyam in Kollegal Taluk have deposited amount in the Kollegal Sub-Treasury as desired by the authorities for the grant of house-sites and if so, when ;

(*b*) the reasons for the delay in granting house-sites ;

(*c*) whether they propose to take immediate steps in this behalf ?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes, on 30th August 1955.

(*b*) The acquisition proceedings have not yet been completed now.

(*c*) Yes.

NON-OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Procedure with respect to Debate.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before we take up the non-official resolutions I have to inform the House that 28 Members of this House have addressed a letter to me stating that in respect of these non-official resolutions the Speaker should adopt the procedure of permitting only two members to speak on each resolution, one from the Government side and another from the Opposition. Their idea evidently is to enable as many resolutions as possible to be disposed of.

It is obvious that not all resolutions are of the same importance. There are a certain resolutions of such importance that a large number of members would like to participate in the debate, just as there may be other resolutions of some limited character. It will be an interference with the right of the Hon'ble Members of this House if the Speaker should limit the debate to only two participants. The time that should be allotted for any particular resolution or the number of Hon'ble Members who should take part in the debate on any particular resolution are matters which largely depend on the Hon'ble Members themselves. Where, in the opinion of the House, there has been sufficient debate, the rules provide for moving of a closure motion and if the Presiding Officer is also of the opinion that such a motion is not an abuse of these rules or an infringment of the right of reasonable debate, the motion will be put to the House and it is then for the House to decide whether there has been sufficient debate on any particular resolution. To arbitrarily fix, with respect to each resolution, irrespective of its character, that not more than two members should participate in the debate is, in my opinion, an infringement of the right of reasonable debate and an interference with the rights which the Hon'ble Members possess. So far as the time limit for speeches is concerned, there is no doubt that the Speaker has a right to prescribe the time that each member should take. Even here, no

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arbitrary time limit can be fixed, but depending on the nature of the motion, the Speaker may provide time limits differing from resolution to resolution. I invite the reference of Hon'ble Members to rule 151. I have therefore no power nor would it be proper, even if I had power, that I should exercise it, in the manner in which I have been requested to do. It is for the Hon'ble Members, depending on the importance of each resolution, to decide when there has been sufficient or reasonable debate and to decide to terminate the debate either by a closure motion or by common consent.

We shall now take up resolutions.

Business of the House.

SRI C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—Before that, may I know what happened to the privilege motion we have moved? The Speaker was pleased to say that it would be discussed after the demands are over.

MR. SPEAKER.—Tomorrow, for one hour.

SRI B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Belur).—With regard to non-official business you were kind enough to inform us that five days would be allotted. Now I find that only two days have been allotted.

MR. SPEAKER.—There is no intention to cut the time.

SRI V. S. PATIL (Belgaum).—On a point of information, Sir. According to the latest agenda, today and tomorrow are fixed for official business and the report of the Business Advisory Committee has been accepted by the House. But I want to know who changed the business from official to non-official; whether it was considered by the Business Advisory Committee and whether any report of that Committee has been submitted to the House or whether you yourself in consultation with the Leader of the House have been pleased to change the order of business. If that is the case, I wish to know whether this House has got to be guided by the whims of the Leader of the House or the ruling party.

MR. SPEAKER.—There are no whims here. Government desired that the non-official business which has been pending can be taken up and the members also pressed me that some days should be given as early as possible for non-official business. As regards the point raised by my friend whether this has been agreed to by the Business Advisory Committee, I would like to say that the Business Advisory Committee is not competent to deal with non-official matters and it is only the Speaker that fixes the time for the non-official business as well as official business of the House. But in regard to official business I consult the Leader of the House. In this case I have fixed time for the non-official business on my own account and not according to the views of the Leader of the House.

ಶ್ರೀ ಯು. ಎಂ. ಮಾದಪ್ಪ (ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ).—ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿವೇಶನ ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸಗಳವರೆಗೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬ ವಿಷಯ ನಮಗೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಹೀಗೆ ವರ್ಷಪೂರ್ತಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದಿದ್ದರೆ ನಮಗೆ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. I want to know the definite date.

MR. SPEAKER.—The picture will be clear in a day or two.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಕೆ. ಎನ್. ನಾಗರತ್ನಮ್ಮ (ಗುಂಡ್ಲು ಪೇಟೆ).—ಈ ಅಧಿವೇಶನ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೆ ಎರಡೂವರೆ ತಿಂಗಳಾಗುತ್ತಾ ಬಂತು. ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಯಾವಾಗ ಮುಗಿಯುತ್ತದೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

SRI A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Challakere).—The Chair was pleased to say that the Business Advisory Committee has no right to fix non-official business or official business.....

MR. SPEAKER.—Only non-official business.

SRI A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—It is not correct. I have no objection to the Speaker changing the date or giving priority for non-official business. But to say that the Business Advisory Committee cannot fix non-official business, may not be correct.

MR. SPEAKER.—Rule 230 (2) says:

> "The Committee shall have the power to indicate in the proposed time-table the different hours at which the various stages of the Bill